and other war capabilities are indigenous and 70 per cent are imported; if not; what is the percentage of indigenous manufactured items *yis-a-vis* the imported;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the supplying Nations are forcing on us obsolete and outdated material;

(c) whether it is a fact that requirement of Air Force training Jet aircraft has been pending for long time despite miajor mishaps; if so; what is the reason for the delay; and

(d) whether it is a fact that out of total import; 70 per cent is procured from erstwhile Russian block countries; if so; the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) 10-year national mission for en
h'ancing self reliance in defence system was launched in 1995. At that time; it was estimated that 30 per cent of annual defence acquisitions were made from indigenous sources and 70 per cent were through imports.

(b) No; Sir.

(c) Commercial negotiations with the shortlisted vendors of Advanced Jet Trainer (AJT) aircraft are in process. The acquisition of the AJT has been projected in the Ninth Plan.

(d) A majority of imported defen ce systems are of erstwhile Russian block origin. However, the exact percentage varies on year to year basis depending upon the specific re quirements.

R&D Defence Budget

2343. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
.Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total percentage of defence budget for research and
'derelop-ment;

(b) whether it is inclusive of development of missiles; and

(c) what is the allocation for other develop;nents such as Automatic Rifles; ammunitions etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE
(SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) The budget allocation fos: Defence Research & Development is 5.24 per cent of total Defence bodset for the year 1997-98.

(b) Yes. Sir.

(c) The yearly budget allocation for specific Defence R&D projects is decided based upon _the specific milestones planned to be achieved during the year. It is not in national security interest to disclose the yearly budget allocation for each of such R&D Projects.

Production of defence aircrafts

2364. SHRl RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Mmister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to increase the production of defence aircrafts;

(b) whether the aircrafts are being manufactured only by HAL or in collaboration with any foreign company; and

(c) if so, the target set for the pro-ducticti on of aircrafts for the country's defence by 2000 A.D.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N. V. N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Production capacities for various types of aircraft have been set up at M/s. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), to meet the futuristic requirements of our Armed Forces, para military forces and the likelv ci\nlian requirements.